

Chairman Powell: This email message is filed to provide the Commission with the comments of this concerned citizen.

Recent hearings of this Commission give me considerable and undue concern that one more limitation is about to be foisted upon the American Public. I refer to the opening of media ownership, with little or no restriction, to anyone with sufficient resources to take over any media and thereby continue the frightful reduction of independent thought.

Today we enjoy less and less independent comment and thought in the media as large organizations continue to gobble up what is left of the "home spun" thoughts and comments providing a much more balanced picture of what we can read and view.

Should the Federal COmmunications Commission procede to open up increased ownership to the fewer and fewer larger and larger organizations, the American Public will find itself with more and more of the same "editorialized" pap to which we are already subject. Further complicating this scenario will be the greater and greater concentration of "rate setting" in the same ownership hands. Rates for cable tv have already skyrocketed well beyond the concept "envisioned" when the FCC transferred regulatory control from the states to the federal domain.

With few exceptions, cable tv is of such abominable content, it is embarrassing to admit I even watch what is presented. If the FCC soes not feel it is its responsibility to "govern" what is aired over the peoples airways then just who is in charge? Judging from what is permitted to be aired today I would have to say, "no one!" As fewer and fewer choices become available through the changes now being considered by the FCC then I suppose there is no limit to the depths of depravity to which the media will sink.

I suggest that is not the intent of the orginal FCC legislation nor is it the intent of the American Public that its airways be used for the benefit of feweer and fewer larger and larger organizations, nor is it the intent that the public be fed more and more editorialized information masquerading as "news."